



FIRST THINGS FIRST

The right system for bright futures

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Legislative Update

On Monday, August 9, the legislature convened for a 3 day, 9th Special Session to address the issue of adding SCR 1001- Proposition 13 to the ballot. General Election Voters will have the opportunity to decide on whether to allow individual workers the right to vote by secret ballot in an election to decide on employee representation or unionization.

The Arizona Primary Election was held on Tuesday, August 24. A list of the candidates for the General Election will be sent to the Early Childhood Development and Health Board members electronically. This same information was shared with Regional Coordinators.

Our Executive Director, Rhian Allvin, along with Board President Steve Lynn and Member Nadine Basha, met with the Republican candidate Governor Jan Brewer. On September 2nd, Rhian and Member Basha will meet with Democratic candidate Attorney General Terry Goddard. The purpose of the meetings was to provide information regarding First Things First.

There will be meetings scheduled with primary winners and the Executive Director and Early Childhood Development and Health Board Member(s). Meetings will be scheduled with the General Election candidates for the offices of Attorney General, Secretary of State, Superintendent of Public Instruction and Treasurer.

Many of the Regional Partnership Councils have adopted a Resolution to oppose Proposition 302/HCR 2001. They have followed the lead of the Early Childhood Development and Health Board and have used similar wording to the Board's resolution.

Individual Councils have met with their elected officials to discuss their programs. This has been a good way for individual council members to express their viewpoints regarding the effect that First Things First has had on young children in their community. In some instances, there have been grantees and vendors who have also participated in these sessions. We can expect more contact with elected officials over the next few months as the General Election nears.